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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Fresh START Program in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Anne Arundel County Government, located at 44 Calvert St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

This project will support Anne Arundel County's juvenile pre-arrest diversion Fresh START Program, which is designed to decriminalize behaviors while holding youth accountable, reduce racial and ethnic disparities in charging and provide early intervention and services to youth impacted by trauma, mental health and/or substance abuse needs. Through the program, youth are linked with services and mentors in order to get a second chance. This project has shown excellent results and is currently at capacity so these funds will enable it to increase staffing to provide enhanced services for youth and serve more individuals. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes Member of Congress